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**NATIONAL &
COMMUNITY
SERVICE** 

Welcome to the National Service Family!



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The National Service Family

There are two main programs under the Corporation for National and Community Service:

- **Senior Corps: 270,000 Americans age 55+**
- **AmeriCorps: 75,000 members**

CNCS also administers:

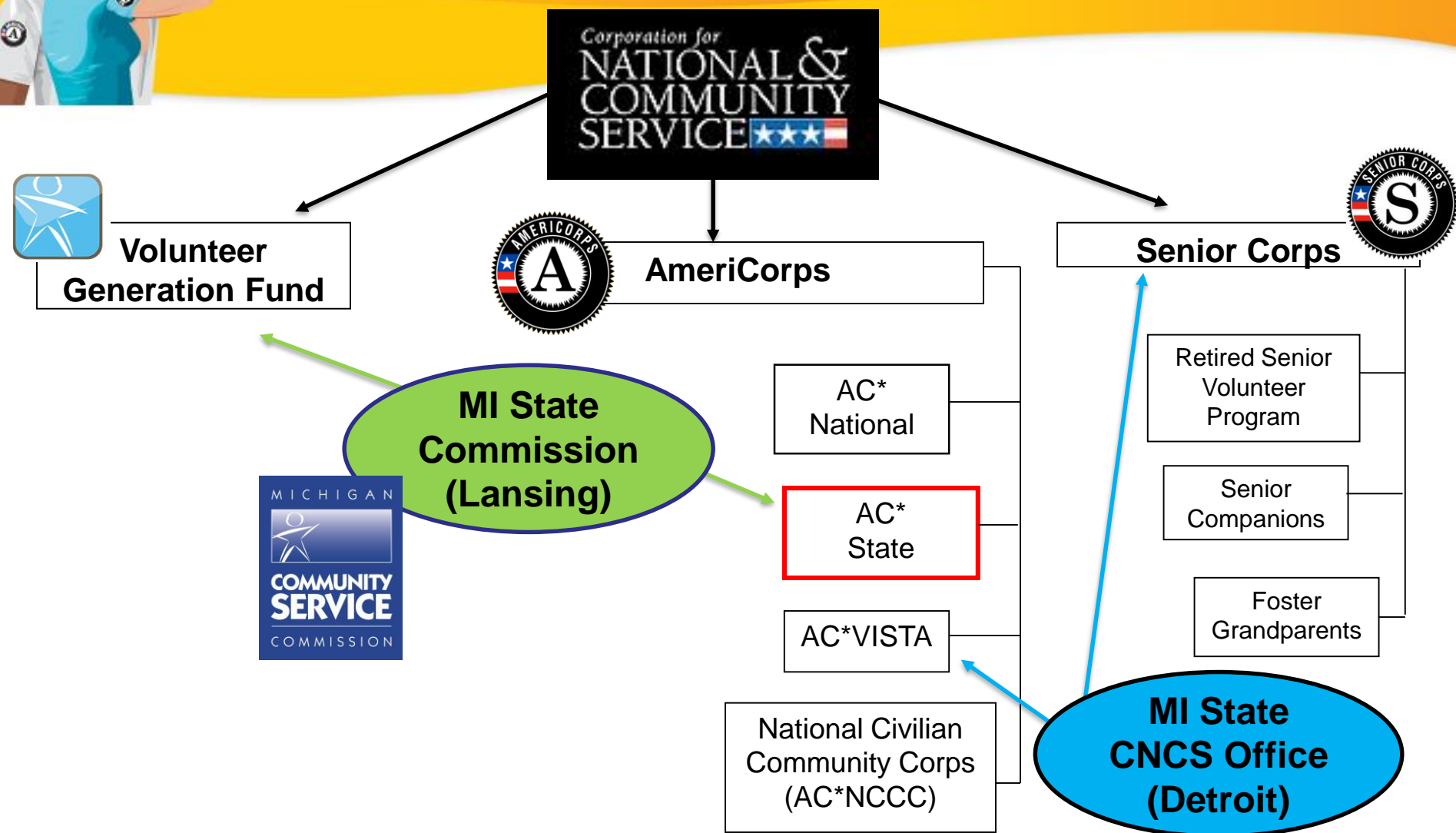
- **Volunteer Generation Fund**

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Structure of National Service





The AmeriCorps Story



Getting Things Done for America!



AmeriCorps

Rooted in America's Tradition of Service



1933: Civilian Conservation Corps

1961: Peace Corps

1964: VISTA

1993: The Corporation for National and Community Service
& AmeriCorps

2009: Serve America Act



Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009



- Signed into law April 21, 2009
- Landmark legislation to expand service
- Set AmeriCorps on a path to 250,000 positions by 2017
- Increases the amount of the education award from \$4,725 to the amount of the Pell Grant (FY 2018 amount is \$5,920)
- Ed Award Transfer – 55+ may transfer education award to child, step-child, grandchild, step-grandchild, or foster child (AC*State/National)
- Priority focus on education, health, environment, veterans, and economic opportunity



AmeriCorps Fun Facts

- 1 Million+ AmeriCorps members since 1994
- 1.4 Billion Hours served by AmeriCorps members
- \$3.3 Billion Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards earned by AmeriCorps members
- 2.3 Million Number of community volunteers managed or mobilized by AmeriCorps members in 2014.
- 21,000+ Number of unique sites where AmeriCorps members served.





AmeriCorps Today

Meeting critical needs across America

1. **Teach and Tutor**
2. **Mentor Youth**
3. **Build homes**
4. **Fight poverty**
5. **Conserve the environment**
6. **Provide health services**
7. **Respond to disasters**
8. **Mobilize volunteers**
9. **Assist veterans**
10. *Much, much more...*





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Six Key Focus Areas:

- Education
- Economic Opportunity
- Disaster Services
- Healthy Futures
- Environmental Stewardship
- Veterans and Military Families





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Education:

AmeriCorps places thousands of teachers, tutors, and mentors into low-performing schools, helping students succeed in school and gain skills necessary to get 21st century jobs.



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Economic Opportunity:

AmeriCorps engages thousands of members each year in fighting poverty by creating businesses, expanding access to technology, recruiting volunteers to teach literacy, and strengthening antipoverty groups.





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Disaster Services:

From tornadoes and hurricanes to fires and floods, AmeriCorps members have responded to hundreds of natural disasters. In response to Hurricane Katrina, more than 17,000 AmeriCorps members have provided 8.5 million hours of service and managed more than 611,000 volunteers.



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Healthy Futures:

AmeriCorps members address unmet health needs, including access to health care, increasing physical activity and improving nutrition in youth, and increasing seniors' ability to remain in their own homes.





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Environmental Stewardship:

AmeriCorps members build trails, restore parks, protect watersheds, run recycling programs, and promote energy efficiency, weatherization, and clean energy.





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Veterans & Military Families:

AmeriCorps supports the military community by engaging veterans in service, helping veterans readjust to civilian life, and providing support to military families.





AmeriCorps Today

Three Programs



**AmeriCorps
State/National**

**AmeriCorps
VISTA**

**AmeriCorps
NCCC**



AmeriCorps State and National



- ❑ Largest branch of AmeriCorps
- ❑ More than 68,000 members serving
- ❑ Members serve with more than 20,000 organizations
- ❑ Members address needs in education, environment, health, housing, disaster response and more
- ❑ Grantees include: national and local nonprofits, schools, and universities, public agencies, and Native American tribes
- ❑ Full-time and part-time opportunities



AmeriCorps VISTA



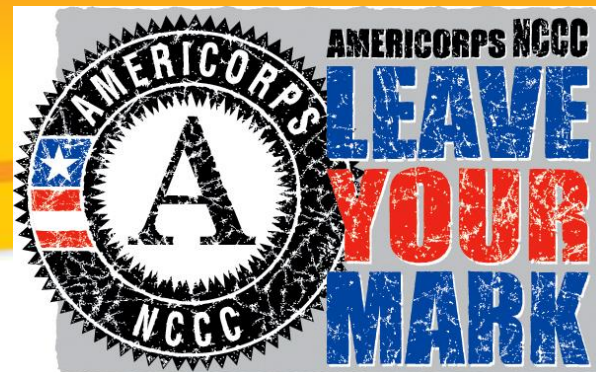
- ❑ AmeriCorps' poverty-fighting arm
- ❑ Created in 1964 as part of War on Poverty
- ❑ 7,000+ members serve each year
- ❑ VISTAs collaborate with low-income individuals and communities to fight poverty
- ❑ Focus on capacity building: raising funds, recruiting volunteers, & designing sustainable programs
- ❑ More than 1,000 project sponsors
- ❑ Full-time year-long service (also some "VISTA Summer Associate positions")



AmeriCorps NCCC



- Team-based residential service
- Full-time 10-month service
- Focus on disaster response, environment, housing, and youth
- Teams travel to projects in neighboring states
- Open to 18-24 year-olds
- Members live on one of 5 campuses: Sacramento, CA; Denver, CO; Vinton, IA; Baltimore, MD and Vicksburg, MS
- New NCCC FEMA Partnership





Who Benefits from AmeriCorps? *We All Do!*

Youth, Seniors, and Others In Need benefit from the tutoring, mentoring, health, housing, and other services members provide.

Communities benefit from having better schools, safer streets, more affordable housing, a cleaner environment, and more engaged citizens.

Organizations gain from having more reach and impact: 92% of sponsoring groups say members helped increase how many people they served to a large or moderate extent.

Members acquire leadership and career skills, earn money for college, and learn how to be active citizens.



The AmeriCorps Pledge



*I will get things done for America –
to make our people safer, smarter, and healthier.*

*I will bring Americans together to strengthen our
communities.*

Faced with apathy, I will take action.

Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground.

Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps member, and I will get things done.



AmeriCorps Alumni

Continuing Your Service and Commitment

Longitudinal studies show AmeriCorps alums:

- Are more connected to their communities
- Continue to participate in community activities
- Choose public service careers at higher levels than their peers

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Important Service Initiatives



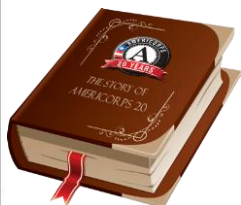
AmeriCorps Week (March)

You Got Served

By
Michigan's AmeriCorps



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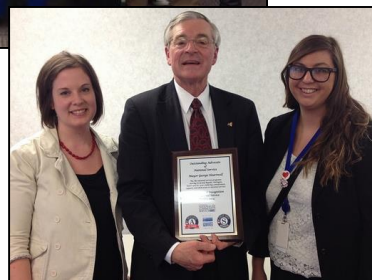
It's Michigan's AmeriCorps Week and we want to inspire others to practice kindness and positivity.

Did you receive an act of service? Take a photo of this card and the word!



#MIACWeek

AmeriCorps engages more than 80,000 men & women in intensive, real-world service each year to help communities address their toughest challenges.



National Days of Service

- MLK Day (Jan)
- Global Youth Service Day (April)
- 9/11 National Day of Service (Sept)



National Day of
Service & Remembrance





What makes Michigan the best place to serve?



Member Celebration (November)



Michigan's AmeriCorps LeaderCorps



Regional Russ Mawby Signature Service Projects (May)





Prohibited Activities

Members are prohibited from performing certain activities when counting member hours or while representing the AmeriCorps Program.

Members may participate in prohibited activities on their own time, at their own expense, and at their own initiative.

Members may not wear AmeriCorps service gear in such instances.





Political Activities



- Participating in efforts to influence legislation, including lobbying for your programs;
- Organizing a letter writing campaign to Congress;
- Engaging in partisan political activities, or other activities designed to influence the outcome of an election to any public office;
- Participating in, or endorsing, events or activities that are likely to include advocacy for or against political parties, political platforms, political candidates, proposed legislation, or elected officials;
- Printing politically charged articles in a CNCS-funded newsletter or listserv;
- Taking part in political demonstration or rallies;
- Engaging in any efforts to influence legislation, including state or local ballot initiatives;
- Voter registration drives.



Union Activities



- Organizing or participating in protests, petitions, boycotts, or strikes;
- Assisting, promoting, or deterring union organizing;
- Impairing existing contracts for services or collective bargaining agreements.



Religious Activities

- Engaging in religious instruction;
- Conducting worship services;
- Providing instruction as part of a program that includes mandatory religious instruction or worship;
- Constructing or operating facilities devoted to religious instruction or worship;
- Maintaining facilities primarily or inherently devoted to religious instruction or worship;
- Engaging in any form of religious proselytizing.





Other Prohibited Activities

- Other activities your program may not assign you to:
 - Assisting with abortion services or referrals or abortion services;
 - Activities that pose a significant risk to you or others;
 - Assignments that displace employees or volunteers;
- You are expected to maintain a code of conduct and professional behavior at all times. Violations could result in early termination or suspension.





Fundraising



- **Members may assist their organizations with fundraising efforts no more than 10% of their total term of service.**
- **CNCS policy permits fundraising by members to the extent that such activities:**
 - **Raise resources directly in support of the program's service activities (i.e., seeking donations of books from companies/individuals for a program in which volunteers teach children to read, writing a grant proposal to a foundation to secure resources for a service project, etc.)**
- **AmeriCorps members may not:**
 - **Raise funds for living allowances or for an organization's general (as opposed to project) operating expenses or endowment;**
 - **Write a grant application to CNCS or to any other Federal agency.**



Reasonable Accommodations

Members have a right to reasonable accommodation for disabilities. Programs must furnish reasonable accommodations for the known physical and mental limitations of qualified AmeriCorps members.





Talking About AmeriCorps...



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NOT

AMERI-CORPSE





AmeriCorps Lingo...

AmeriCorps is...

- A job
- Job Training
- Typical Volunteer Position
- Service





AmeriCorps Quiz



AmeriCorps is...
Service

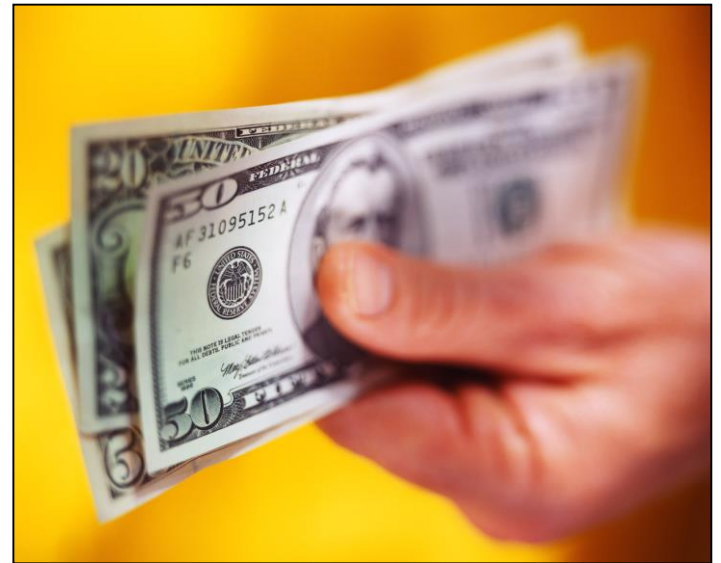




AmeriCorps Lingo...

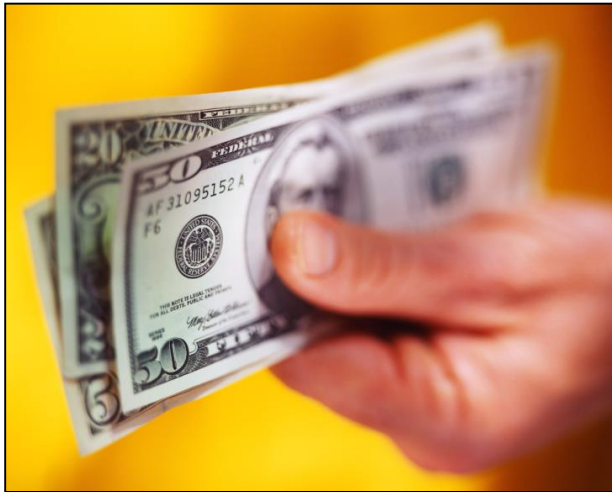
During your service, you receive...

- **A wage**
- **A living allowance**
- **A salary**
- **A paycheck**





AmeriCorps Lingo...



**During your service,
you receive...**

***A living
allowance***



AmeriCorps Lingo...

Your placement is a...

- **Worksite**
- **Jobsite**
- **Camp**
- **Service Site**





AmeriCorps Lingo...



Your placement
is a...

***Service
Site***



AmeriCorps Lingo...

You are...

- **A member**
- **An employee**
- **An apprentice**
- **A volunteer**





AmeriCorps Lingo...



You are...
A
member



AmeriCorps Lingo...

**At the end of your service,
you receive...**

- **An entitlement**
- **A scholarship**
- **An education award**
 - **A bonus**





AmeriCorps Lingo...

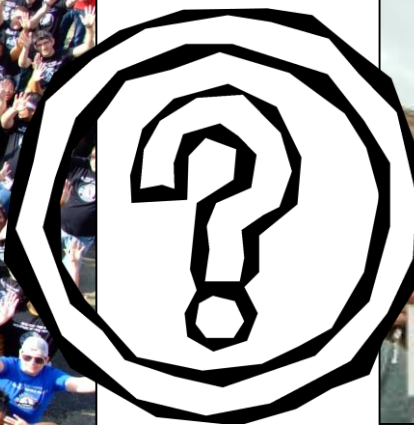


At the end of your
service, you receive...

***An
Education
Award***



QUESTIONS



www.nationalservice.gov
www.michigan.gov/mcsc



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Enjoy your year!



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